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IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

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In the Matter of the Adoption of A.J.S. and N.J.S., minor children

S.B.S., Petitioner and Appellee

v.

B.L.S., Julie Hoffman, Administrator
of the North Dakota Department of
Human Services,

Respondents

and

J.K., Respondent and Appellant

No. 20160290

Appeal from the District Court of Grand Forks County, Northeast Central
Judicial District, the Honorable John A. Thelen, Judge.

AFFIRMED.

Per Curiam.

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petitioner and appellee.

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[¶1] The father, J.K., appealed from a district court's order terminating his parental rights and granting a petition for a step-parent adoption. On appeal, J.K. argues the district court erred in finding there was clear and convincing evidence that he abandoned his children. We conclude the district court's order is based on findings of fact that are not clearly erroneous and summarily affirm under N.D.R.App.P. 35.1(a)(2).

[¶2] Gerald W. VandeWalle, C.J.
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